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Substitute Senate Bill No. 341

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (m) of section 4b-23 of the 2012 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (m) (1) Plans to construct, renovate or modify state-owned or
5 occupied buildings shall provide for a portion of the total planned
6 floor area of newly constructed state buildings or buildings
7 constructed specifically for use by the state to be served by renewable
8 sources of energy, including solar, wind, water and biomass sources,
9 for use in space heating and cooling, domestic hot water and other
10 applications. For the plan due December 1, 1979, the portion to be
11 served by renewable energy sources shall be not less than five per cent
12 of total planned new floor area. For each succeeding state facilities

13 plan submitted after December 1, 1979, the portion of the total planned
14 floor area of any additional newly constructed state buildings or
15 buildings constructed specifically for use by the state to be served by
16 renewable energy sources shall be increased by at least five per cent
17 per year until a goal of fifty per cent of total planned floor area of any
18 additional newly constructed state buildings or buildings constructed
19 specifically for use by the state is reached. For any facility served by
20 renewable energy sources in accordance with this subsection, not less
21 than thirty per cent of the total energy requirements of any specific
22 energy application, including, but not limited to, space heating or
23 cooling and providing domestic hot water, shall be provided by
24 renewable energy sources. The installation in newly constructed state
25 buildings or buildings constructed specifically for use by the state of
26 systems using renewable energy sources in accordance with this
27 subsection, shall be subject to the life-cycle cost analysis provided for
28 in section 16a-38. (2) The state shall fulfill the obligations imposed by
29 subdivision (1) of this [section] subsection unless such action would
30 cause an undue economic hardship to the state.

31 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17a-219c of the general statutes is
32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
33 *passage*):

34 (a) There is established a Family Support Council to assist the
35 Department of Developmental Services and other state agencies that
36 administer or fund family support services to act in concert and,
37 within available appropriations, to (1) establish a comprehensive,
38 coordinated system of family support services, (2) use existing state
39 and other resources efficiently and effectively as appropriate for such
40 services, (3) identify and address services that are needed for families
41 of children with disabilities, and (4) promote state-wide availability of
42 such services. The council shall consist of twenty-seven voting
43 members including the Commissioners of Public Health,
44 Developmental Services, Children and Families, Education and Social
45 Services, or their designees, the Child Advocate or the Child
46 Advocate's designee, the executive director of the Office of Protection

47 and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities or the executive director's
48 designee, the chairperson of the State Interagency Birth-to-Three
49 Coordinating Council, established pursuant to section 17a-248b, or the
50 chairperson's designee, the executive director of the Commission on
51 Children or the executive director's designee, and family members of,
52 or individuals who advocate for, children with disabilities. The family
53 members or individuals who advocate for children with disabilities
54 shall comprise two-thirds of the council and shall be appointed as
55 follows: Six by the Governor, three by the president pro tempore of the
56 Senate, two by the majority leader of the Senate, one by the minority
57 leader of the Senate, three by the speaker of the House of
58 Representatives, two by the majority leader of the House of
59 Representatives and one by the minority leader of the House of
60 Representatives. All appointed members serving on or after October 5,
61 2009, including members appointed prior to October 5, 2009, shall
62 serve in accordance with the provisions of section 4-1a. Members
63 serving on or after October 5, 2009, including members appointed
64 prior to October 5, 2009, shall serve no more than eight consecutive
65 years on the council. The council shall meet at least quarterly and shall
66 select its own chairperson. Council members shall serve without
67 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
68 incurred. The costs of administering the council shall be within
69 available appropriations in accordance with this section and sections
70 17a-219a [to] and 17a-219b, [, inclusive.]

71 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 17b-420 of the 2012 supplement to
72 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
73 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

74 (f) There shall be an executive director of the Commission on Aging.
75 There may be additional staff within available appropriations. [The
76 commission shall be within the Legislative Department.] The executive
77 director and any necessary staff shall be employed by the Joint
78 Committee on Legislative Management. The commission shall have no
79 authority over staffing or personnel matters.

80 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 9-612 of the
81 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
82 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

83 (h) (1) Not later than thirty days after February 8, 2007, each state
84 agency and quasi-public agency shall prepare and forward to the State
85 Elections Enforcement Commission, on a form prescribed by said
86 commission, a list of the names of the state contractors and prospective
87 state contractors with which such agency is a party to a contract, and
88 any state contract solicitations or prequalification certificates issued by
89 the agency. Not less than once per month, each state agency and quasi-
90 public agency shall forward to said commission, on a form prescribed
91 by the commission, any changes, additions or deletions to said lists,
92 not later than the fifteenth day of the month.

93 Sec. 5. Subdivision (6) of subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the 2012
94 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
95 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

96 (6) The commission shall post a link on the home page of the
97 commission's Internet web site to a listing of all [organizational]
98 organization expenditures reported by a party, legislative leadership
99 or caucus committee under subdivision (5) of this subsection. Such
100 information shall include reported information on the committee
101 making the expenditure, the committee receiving the expenditure and
102 the date and purpose for the expenditure.

103 Sec. 6. Subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-55 of the 2012
104 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
105 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

106 (3) A notice of primary is published for only one party and (A)
107 unaffiliated electors are not authorized to vote, or (B) unaffiliated
108 electors are authorized to vote for all offices to be contested at the
109 primary, a registry list may be used as a checklist at the primary and
110 the registrars of voters shall print [a supplementary or] an updated list
111 indicating those electors who have become eligible to vote in the

112 primary since the printing of the registry list.

113 Sec. 7. Subdivision (12) of section 9-372 of the general statutes is
114 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
115 *1, 2012*):

116 (12) "Registrar" means the registrar of voters in a municipality who
117 is enrolled with the political party holding a primary; [and, in each
118 municipality where there are different registrars for different voting
119 districts, means the registrar so enrolled in the voting district in which,
120 at the last-preceding regular election, the presiding officer for the
121 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality
122 was moderator;]

123 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 9-235 of the 2012 supplement to the
124 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
125 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

126 (d) No candidate for an office in an election may be an unofficial
127 checker at such election. [In municipalities divided into two voting
128 districts in which registrars are elected for each district, such
129 appointments may be made by the registrars in each district.] Such
130 unofficial checkers may remain within the polling place for the
131 purpose of checking their own copy of the registry list to indicate the
132 names of electors who have voted, and may enter and leave the
133 restricted area surrounding the polling place during the hours of
134 election or referendum for the purpose of taking such information
135 outside said area or may communicate such information from the
136 polling place by means of telephones provided by the party for which
137 such checkers were appointed. If any such unofficial checker interferes
138 with the orderly process of voting or attempts to influence any elector,
139 he shall be evicted by the moderator. An unofficial checker appointed
140 pursuant to this section may receive compensation from the
141 municipality in which the election is held.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4b-23(m)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17a-219c(a)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	17b-420(f)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(h)(1)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	9-608(c)(6)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	9-55(c)(3)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	9-372(12)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	9-235(d)

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which makes technical changes to several statutes concerning general government and elections, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 341*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes technical changes to government administration and election statutes. In two instances, it conforms current law to PA 11-173, which eliminated the authority of legislative bodies in towns with two voting districts to elect two registrars of voters per district (except when the top two vote-getters are not major party candidates, in which case a town may elect more than two) (§§ 7 and 8).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except for the technical changes §§ 5 and 6 and the provisions on registrars of voters, which are effective July 1, 2012.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/29/2012)